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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on Operating Fund Allocation; Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Negotiated Rulemaking Committee Meetings.

SUMMARY: This document announces a meeting of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on Operating Fund Allocation. These meetings are sponsored by HUD for the purpose of discussing and negotiating a proposed rule that would change the current method of determining the payment of operating subsidies to public housing agencies (PHAs).

DATES: The committee meeting will be held on March 7 and March 8, 2000. On March 7, 2000, the meeting will begin at approximately 9:30 am and end at approximately 5:30 pm. On March 8, 2000, the meeting will begin at approximately 9 am and end at approximately 4 pm.

ADDRESSES: The committee meeting will take place at the Channel Inn, 650 Water Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024; telephone 1-800-368-5668.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Sprague, Funding and Financial Management Division, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Room 4216, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410-0500; telephone (202) 708-1872 (this telephone number is not toll-free). Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Secretary of HUD has established the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on Operating Fund Allocation to negotiate and develop a proposal that would change the current method of determining the payment of operating subsidies to public housing agencies (PHAs). The establishment of the

committee is required by the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (Pub.L. 105-276, approved October 21, 1998) (the "Public Housing Reform Act"). The Public Housing Reform Act makes extensive changes to HUD's public and assisted housing programs. These changes include the establishment of an Operating Fund for the purpose of making assistance available to PHAs for the operation and management of public housing. The Public Housing Reform Act requires that the assistance to be made available from the new Operating Fund be determined using a formula developed through negotiated rulemaking procedures.

II. Negotiated Rulemaking Committee Meeting

This document announces a meeting of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on Operating Fund Allocation. The next committee meeting will take place as described in the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

The agenda planned for the committee meeting includes the development and review of draft regulatory and preamble language; and the scheduling of future meetings, if necessary.

The meeting will be open to the public without advance registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space available. Members of the public may make statements during the meeting, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the committee for its consideration. Written statements should be submitted to the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section of this notice. Summaries of committee meetings will be available for public inspection and copying at the address in the same section.

Dated: February 29, 2000.

Harold Lucas,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

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Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Plans; Illinois; Post-1996 Rate of Progress Plan for the Chicago Ozone Nonattainment Area

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing to approve, through parallel processing, a proposed Post-1996 Rate-Of-Progress (ROP) Plan submitted by the State of Illinois for the Chicago Ozone Nonattainment Area. Illinois originally submitted a Post-1996 ROP Plan on December 18, 1997, as a requested revision the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for ozone. A Post-1996 ROP Plan is required for the Chicago Ozone Nonattainment Area under the Clean Air Act (Act). The State submitted proposed amendments to the plan on December 17, 1999, January 14, 2000, and January 21, 2000, with a request for EPA to parallel process a rulemaking on the proposed plan as amended. The purpose of the Post-1996 ROP Plan is to reduce ground-level ozone (smog) pollution in the Chicago Metropolitan Area. The submitted proposed plan shows that Illinois reduced emissions of ozone-forming pollutants by 9% by November 15, 1999. These pollutants include emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), and Oxides of Nitrogen (NO_x). The submittal also includes a demonstration that the Chicago Area has achieved a sufficient emission reduction needed to meet contingency measure requirements under the Act. In addition, EPA is proposing in this rulemaking to approve as a revision to the SIP certain Transportation Control Measures (TCM) included in the plan. EPA will take final rulemaking action once Illinois adopts and submits the final Post-1996 ROP Plan. If the final adopted plan is significantly different from the proposed plan, which is the basis of this parallel proposed rulemaking, EPA will repropose its rulemaking.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before April 3, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You should address written comments to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.